

Getting Started with BoB

The college now has a licence for BoB - Box of Broadcasts – and this can be accessed by all staff and students with an Athens account. BoB is an off-air recording and media archive service. This is a fantastic resource, allowing access to an extensive archive of over 45,000 television and radio programmes. Users can also record TV and radio programmes that are scheduled to be broadcast over the next seven days and retrieve programmes from the last seven days from a selected list of recorded channels.

How does it work?

Watching programmes is similar to the BBC's iPlayer; after a programme is recorded users can stream a Flash video in a web page. BoB stores recorded TV and radio programmes in an archive indefinitely for all users to enjoy. Users can record programmes, watch programmes from the archive, create clips, search for programmes by title or keyword, compile playlists and share these with others. For example, a tutor could compile a list of suggested programmes for students to watch in the same way as they might provide a reading list. As it is a web-based service, users can access BoB from anywhere they have an internet connection e.g. from home, in the classroom.

How do I get an Athens account?

Staff can request an Athens account by sending an email to lrc@themanchestercollege.ac.uk. Students should follow the instructions within the [Athens area](#) of the LRC website.

How do I log into Bob?

Go to the BoB website at <http://bobnational.net/>. There is also a link from the [Online Resources](#) area of the Student Intranet (also known as the Virtual Learning Resource Centre).

In the top left hand corner, enter 'The Manchester College' in the box underneath the question **Where Are You From?**



The screenshot displays the BoB website interface. At the top left, the 'bob box of broadcasts' logo is visible. A navigation menu includes links for 'Who is BoB?', 'Contact info', 'Help', 'Terms and conditions', 'BoB news', and 'Video tutorials'. The main content area features a large 'audio' player with a green and blue background. Below the player, there is a section for 'BoB latest: Beyond Westminster' with a play button. On the left side, there is a 'Where Are You From?' login section with a text input field and a 'Go to login' button. Below this, there are links for 'What's this?', 'More information', and 'Email log-in'. A search bar is located at the bottom left, with the text 'Search the archive' and 'Search the archive for a TV or radio programme by keyword or title.' Below the search bar, there is an 'Advanced search' link and a 'search' button. At the bottom, there are two featured playlists: 'A Brief History of Mathematics' and 'A History of Britain by Simon ...', each with a 'Created by BoB Administrator' label and a small profile picture icon.

Where Are You From?
Please begin by entering the name of your institution to access this resource:

- What's this?
- More information
- Email log-in

As you type in 'The Manchester College', this will appear automatically in a dropdown menu beneath the box. You can click on this to save you typing in the whole college name or continue typing if you prefer.

Next, click on the 'Go to login' button.

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BoB latest: Grave of the Fireflies
Film4 on Saturday 1st October 2011

You are taken to the Athens authentication page. Enter your Athens username and password here.

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Athens login.

Authentication Point

Athens username:

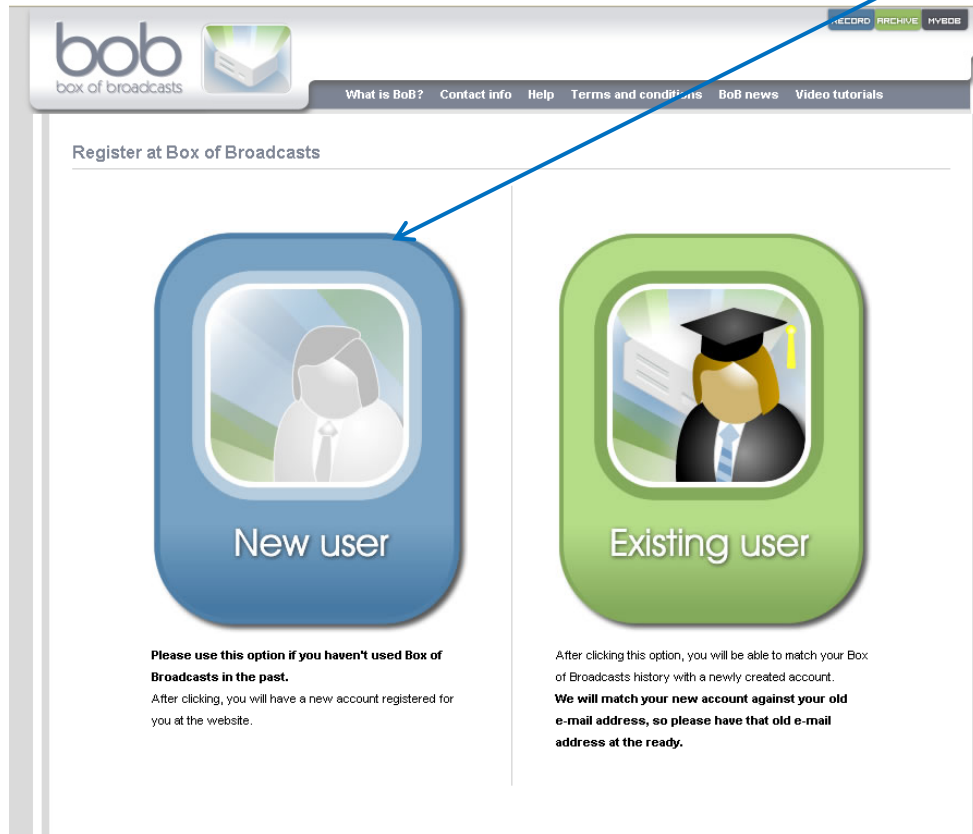
Athens password:

Login

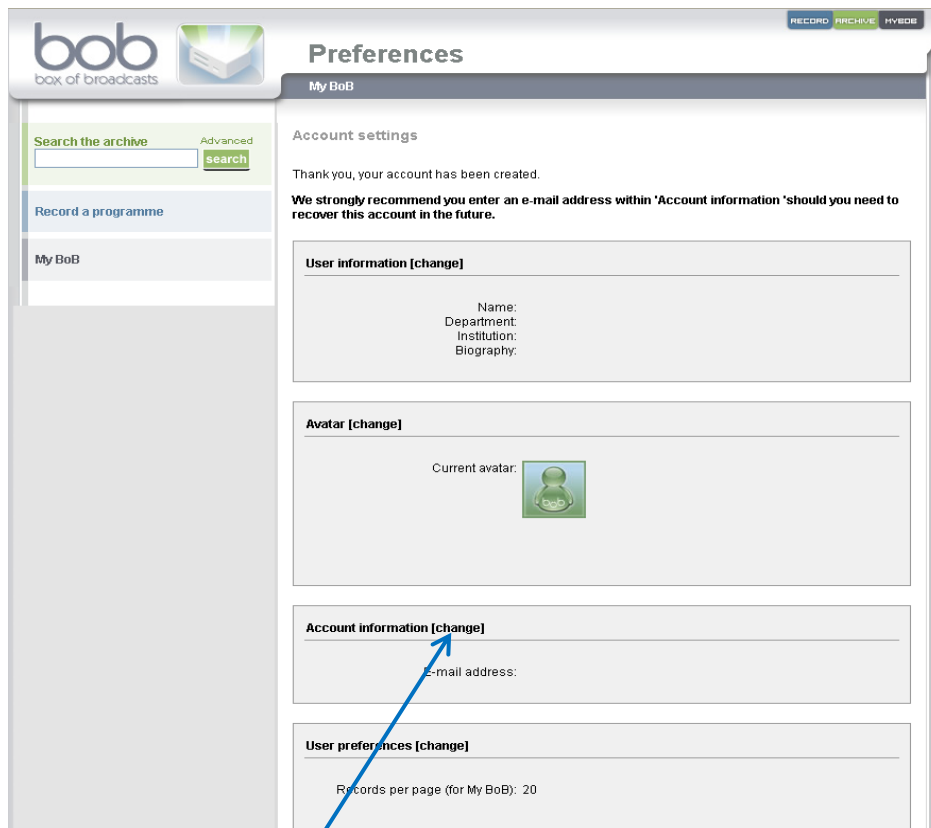
[Alternative login](#) [Login help](#)

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The first time you log in, you will be taken to the Bob registration screen. Click on 'New user'.



You are then taken to your My Bob Preferences page.



You should add your email address at this stage by clicking on the word **[change]** in the Account Information section of the page. You will then be sent an email by BoB to the email address you give. Click on the link in the email to verify your email address. You are taken back to the login screen. You will need to re-enter 'The Manchester College' but you should not then have to re-

enter your Athens password. You will only have to update your email information the first time you log in.

To get started with BoB, return to the homepage by clicking on the BoB logo in the top left hand corner. The menu across the top of the page gives access to Help and Video Tutorials.

The video tutorials give an overview of BoB as well as covering how to record programmes, creating clips and working with playlists.

How to search the archive

You can search the archive by using the search option in the left hand column of the screen. You can also use the Archive tab in the top right hand corner of the screen.

How to record a programme

To record a programme, click on the Record tab in the top right hand corner of the screen or use the 'Record a programme' option below 'Search the archive'.

The screenshot shows the BoB website interface. At the top, there is a header with 'bobnational v3.5' and 'BoB latest: The Morning Line Channel 4 on Saturday 1st October 2011'. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'Search the archive' and 'Record a programme'. The 'Search the archive' section has a search box and a 'search' button. The 'Record a programme' section has a search box and a 'search' button. A blue arrow points from the 'Record a programme' section to the 'Record a programme' option in the top right corner of the page. Another blue arrow points from the 'Record a programme' section to the 'TV and radio listings' link below the search box.

Click on TV and radio listings to see listings for the current and previous week.

This brings up the screen below. You can then search for your programme using the search box (although this will bring up results from the archives as well as from the current listings) or click on the relevant slot to find your programme in the listings.

The screenshot shows the 'Record a programme' page. The page has a header with 'bob box of broadcasts' and 'Record a programme'. Below the header, there are two main sections: 'Search the archive' and 'Record a programme'. The 'Search the archive' section has a search box and a 'search' button. The 'Record a programme' section has a search box and a 'search' button. A blue arrow points from the 'Record a programme' section to the 'Record a programme' option in the top right corner of the page. Another blue arrow points from the 'Record a programme' section to the 'TV and radio listings' link below the search box.

Calendar

You can search for a programme to record:

Or view the 7-day electronic programme guide:

	12:00am	3:00am	6:00am	9:00am	12:00pm	3:00pm	6:00pm	9:00pm
4th Oct						Now	Evening	
5th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
6th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
7th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
8th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
9th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
10th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
11th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday			

Or search the 7-day buffer:

	12:00am	3:00am	6:00am	9:00am	12:00pm	3:00pm	6:00pm	9:00pm
27th Sep							Evening	
28th Sep	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
29th Sep	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
30th Sep	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
1st Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
2nd Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
3rd Oct	Night		Morning		Midday		Evening	
4th Oct	Night		Morning		Midday	Now		

Clicking on one of the schedule slots (marked Night, Morning, Midday or Evening) brings up the following screen. Programmes shown in green are already being recorded. If you click on a green programme, it will be added to your 'MyBob' list ready for you to watch after it has been broadcast. To record a programme that is not yet highlighted, click on the programme name.

The screenshot shows the 'Record a programme' interface with a grid of TV channels and their schedules for Saturday 8th October 2011. The channels listed include Absolute Radio, Al Jazeera Eng, BBC ONE, BBC 1 Scotland, BBC 1 Wales, BBC TWO, BBC 2 Scotland, BBC 2 Wales, BBC THREE, BBC FOUR, BBC 6 Music, BBC Asian Net., BBC NEWS, BBC Parliament, BBC R1X, BBC R5L, BBC R5SX, BBC Radio 1, BBC Radio 2, BBC Radio 3, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio 7, BBC World Sv., Capital FM, CBBC Channel, and CBeebies. A blue arrow points from the text above to the 'Michael Wood's Story of England' programme on BBC FOUR at 8:00pm.

For example, clicking on 'Michael Wood's Story of England' brings up a popup screen with the option to 'Record this show'. Click on this to confirm you want to make the recording.

The screenshot shows the 'Record a programme' interface with a popup window for 'Michael Wood's Story of England'. The popup displays the programme title, time slot (8:00pm to 9:00pm), and a description: '6/6. Victoria to the Present Day: A portrait of one village through the whole of English history concludes with Victorian concerts, WWI battlefields and the bombing of Kibworth in 1940. [AD,S]'. A 'Record this show!' button is visible at the bottom of the popup.

Important things to note

BoB is for non-commercial educational use only. Please familiarise yourself with the terms and conditions which can be found at <http://bobnational.net/content.php?view=term> before using BoB.

Users are limited to making three new recording requests per day. Please contact the Learning Technology team if you find this is limiting your use of BoB and we will do what we can to help.

BoB Demos and Support Sessions

If you would like a member of the Learning Technology team to demonstrate BoB to you and your colleagues or want to arrange a one-to-one session to see how you can use it within your curriculum area, please contact the Learning Technology helpdesk on 0161 918 6848 or email julie.oregan@themanchestercollege.ac.uk.

Further help

BoB is supported by the Learning Technology team. For help and advice, please contact the Learning Technology helpdesk during normal office hours on 0161 918 6848 or via email at julie.oregan@themanchestercollege.ac.uk.